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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for June, 916.

SUBJECT.

Re: Enhancement of the Foreign Scholarship of Mr. M. G. Srinivasa Rao M.A.

Serial 138 To the Q. of Edn.

" " Comptroller.

No. 7385-6. of 21.6.916.

Govt. are not in favour of enhancing the scholarship but are pleased to direct that it may be paid at the exchange rate of 4.90 dollars per pound.

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FILE HEADING.

Foreign Schps.

From

I. G. E.

No. 20676/874 Dated 18/9. 4. 16. Received

Diary No. 4073	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 115

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends the enhancement of the schp. of Mr M.G. Srinivasa Rao, foreign scholar in America (Harvard) from ~~Rs~~ £200 to £225.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The prices of chemicals are said to be still on the increase, and some which are urgently wanted by Mr Srinivasa Rao for his research have to be imported to Boston

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at quite high rates. But for this circ^n, Mr Srinivasa Rao says he would not have persisted in asking for the higher rate of schp.

2. In the order of 28th Dec. 1915 it was stated that any addition to the schp. which Mr. S. Rao might require would be sanct^d as an advance pending further enquiry as to whether it was necessary to enhance the schp. already sanctioned. Refce. is invited to parag. 30 of the notes in the file^x portn. ~~as~~ afresh this point.

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3. Mr. Sr. Rao urges another point in his letter which the J.G.E has not touched upon. He wants to be paid at 4/90 dollars per pound. Last time, he says, he was paid at 4/72 per pound which meant a loss of about 20 to 21 rupees for him.

4. Mr Srinivasa Rao's letter dt 5 Feby Ed/5 dtd received is also portnp.

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Sir under the circumstances referred to in the minute recommended by the Regulation has been sanctioned. In order

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6 An estimate of expenses for such students is given in the Harvard University Calendar that I have got - I have calculated the amounts and note them below

Sd/ 12/5

Sd/ Mr Calculation & calculation 12/5

7. Page 761 of the Harvard University Catalogue for 1915-16 -

The average expenses of a student for a year are -

For rent & care of room	$ 60·00
For tuition	150·00
For Board, 38 weeks	170·00
For Stillman Infirmary	4·00
For fuel & light	16·00
	$ 400·00

~~The sum above noted seems~~

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Part II

From the G. C. E. 22069-70/938 dy 4/8.5.16.

Requests sanction for payment of Schp. to Mr. Ng. Srinivasa Rao at 4.90 dollars per Pound.

Subd. with refce. to para 3 supra.

8 The scale above noted seems to be the one fixed for a Course in the Divinity School of the Harvard University. The expenses for Faculty of Arts & Sciences seem to contain at pages 190 et seq of the Calendar pertaining. Fees are prescribed for the following items:-

Tuition — 150 $
Room — 50 to 200 dollars.
Board — 120 to 300 dollars.
Infirmary fee. 4 dollars. This does not include Physicians & Nurses' fee.

Fees have also to be paid for
1. Furniture 2. Books & Stationery
3. Washing 4. Fuel 5 Laboratory charges
6. Membership in Society } Expenses of Vacation

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Subscription Service &c. Regarding these no definite information is forthcoming. From page 498 it will be seen that detailed information as to costs of living &c could be got only from the pamphlets which the University has separately been publishing.

16/5/16. Allay Bx II be consulted

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10 I am not in favour of increasing the amount of the scholarship. It may be paid to him at the rate of 4.90 dollars per pound so that he may assured of the amount on which his scholarship was originally fixed. 20 Bx II

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18/5/16. Mr Srini vasadain request that his Scholarship may be fixed in dollars at

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the usual rate of exchange so that he may get the same number of dollars ~~that he~~ in America which he would have got in ordinary times appears the reasonable & may be agreed to.

12 As regards the enhancement of the amount of Scholarship from 200 to ~~250 £~~ 225 £. it is stated that the Govt of India have raised the amount payable to their scholars from 200 to 250 £ and ~~if~~ the scholar reiterates that the amount now paid is insufficient for his expenses at Harvard. ~~as~~ Under these circumstances there would be no financial objection to raise the amount to 225 £ if the Administrative Branch considers such a course necessary

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13 Put for orders as to whether with the increase & the exchange may be sanctioned

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Seen 24/5

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Yes please put up a draft for consideration

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Draft letter prepared

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15 With a subsequent letter (No. 22530/952 of 10/16 May 1916) the I. G. E has forwarded another communn from Mr M. G. Srinivasa Rao in which he has stated that he is unable to accept a loan, and prayed for an increase in the rate of his schp.

To Subd. with a draft

Esq/5 — To Recommendation & orders

Sey/ KS/1/6

17 If the I. G. E's ~~appeal~~ proposal is to be appd the case has to be subd to GH. H

Sir KS/2/6
2/6/16

1st Member

12/5/6

Both are cancelled in the draft & thus slight exchange may be allowed. This will enable to raise the scholarship was granted.

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Please put up a clean copy of the draft as noted & submit to Col Member for appr

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Clean copy of the draft approved by the Leg. is put up.

Draft submitted

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Govt. Member | 4/7/6 | K Subbarao 10/6

Dr 16/6

come up 15/6

Financial Branch - consulted. paras. 11 & 12.

Draft & fair of the order in agreement with the opinion which are sub^d. for orders.

23/6/16.

Communicate

23.6.16.

Communicated and file returned 26/6

Note in refer. Basic opinion of 1st Member in portion marked A in his on the of 7.6.16

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noted 26/6.

Issue & resubmit

Issued 26/6

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To the Sec. of Sd. Comptroller. no. 7385-6. & 21.6.16 informs that Govt. are not in favour of enhancing the Scholarship but directs that it may be paid at the exchange rate of 4.90 dollars per pound.

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24 W. Marshall,
12 Summer Road
Cambridge
Mass.

To

P. G. D'Souza Esq BA BL
Secretary to the Edn Dept
Bangalore:

Dear Sir,

I vividly remember all the details which just preceded my departure from Bangalore & esp: the interview I had with you. At the time while expressing your good wishes for my progress you expressed your regret that I could not go to Germany or England owing to the war.

I had my regrets too on the same score & your remark well warranted by better experience of the world made a deeper impression on me & it made me heartily wish that my journey to America were stopped by some kind of "vis major" - But it was not to be.

Prof: Kennan whose "Germany" & "Russia" articles were so well received

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I arrived here after various kinds of troubles at Singapore and esp: at San Francisco where I was stuck up at the immigration grounds for more than a day. This still further deepend the regret that I ever chose America.

But it was not until I heard the lectures of and knew personally the Profs of Harvard that I was undeceived: I therefore write this to inform you how little the work of America is known esp in India though its work is well recognised everywhere in Europe.

By this statement I should not be mistaken as paying a compliment to myself, in as much as I am a prospective graduate of Harvard. I leave you to judge for yourself from what follows, more esp: as you are not a layman as regards Phy: Sciences — and being a Phy: Sc: graduate yourself I am sure you can well appreciate the following:

Further I will be happy to receive a few lines re your opinion when leisure permits you to write home:

Phy: Chemistry was not a subj: well known until about 1890 + if that was the case in Europe, it must have been superlatively so in

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India. Yet I am sure you must have heard during your own College days of Dr. Nef, Prof: T.W. Richards, Prof Bancroft, Prof: Franklin & others – whom are all now engaged in the West American Univ: at their special work: Dr. Nef was until about 4 months ago the Prof: of Chem at Chicago where he died recently. He has done as much work in Phy & organic Chem: as Prof, Ostwald & Arrhenius & in the best works of Chem both in England & in Germany his name finds a prominent place. Prof: T.W. Richards the chemist of Atomic weights whom we all knew in India for his atomic wts of O & H (relative at: wts) is the Prof: of Phy: Chem in Harvard where I am studying: He got the nobel Prize last year & was exchange Prof. at Berlin from Harvard – which must be due to a recognition of his great merits in Germany. Prof: Bancroft at Cornell Univ: was known to me through his books on Phy: Chem & is one of the most important chemists with Sir W. Ramsay who developed Phy. Chem: Dr. Franklin at Stanford Univ: California is the Chief works on liquid Ammonia & on organic Chem: There are many more Phy. chemists who may be a shade lower in merit than the ones I have named:

Prof: Remsen whose books are all [illegible] to the Organic Chemists matric. Classes

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Some of whose reactions in organic chem are known after his name, is still at Johns Hopkins univ, but he takes in very very advanced studes & teaches too a very few of his own students who stud in Johns Hopkins: He is the first man in org: chem: Prof S. Michael and Kohler are the org: chem: Profs at Harvard & the former does not take any part from Harvard tho' he coaches up students & sends them too to work his research. He is an opponent of some theories advanced by Victor Meyer (the man of vapour density determinations) and while at Germany (as Dr Bishop of Trivandrum, who writes from is now in England making munitions) he was held in great esteem there as the opponent of some of the best organic chemists of those days.

Naturally none of their names appear in any of the chem: books of an elementary character & except in a very few places org: chem is very little known in India & therefore their names unknown too:

Prof: Kohler too has his name quoted as an authority in all advanced books on org: chem:

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During a short stay of 2 years here really one can't learn alot about all the methods of org: research applied in commercial chemistry, but the way in which the 3 Profs named above teach us and the paternal atmosphere of kindness they bring in at all times encourages even the most diffident student to turn out something good: one may almost say that in spite of their greatness (rather may I say because of it) they are very obliging and come in not with the air of a monitor but like a co-worker with any of us:

So that after an experience of about 5 to 6 months now, I don't regret having come here at all & on one here at least I am glad that I & others did come here, viz that we can disabuse the prejudices entertained against American Education: what country has not first rotten univ.s? Take London itself – the East London College as Mr. Hoke & Metcalfe told me is a rotten one as compared with others like in Camb: or Oxford: there are some in Bombay wh are worse than the Allahabad univ: the same is true in U.S.A and in Canada: But our students must go either to Harvard, Chicago, Yale, Johns Hopkins & not to

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the poorer mib: if they wish to get a good Education:

G. The life in America is pretty costly and the Expenses of tuition as I have pointed out to the Dy. thro' news cuttings, copies of notices calling the attention of Harvard Students to rising prices of chemicals & to the fact that chemicals not in store room have to be bought if wanted by Students at 4 to 5 times original prices, is very heavy & my last week's letter to the Dy. giving complete details endorsed by Prof: Kohler, will, I hope give you a better idea why I request for an additional grant: If you should kindly remember that very lately the Govt. of India have increased the Scholarship amount from 200 £ to 250, that Baroda State pays its Student free outfit allowance & scholarship varying from 300 to 350 Rs per month & that the Chinese Students here are paid more handsomely than we are, my request for about 20 to 30 £ per year will not be un-warranted by precedents: Dr. Coleman whose brother studied at Harvard & is now in Cambridge England, can support my statement when I say that costly Education in Harvard is as great as in the best & most costly places in England: we have to pay here all the Expenses of the Laby including servants' pay, coks, Electricity, Steam

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heat etc, that our fees easily swell up to about 350 dollars on an average. Sampaying 4 dollars a week for my room and lodging is very costly in Harvard than elsewhere, because the more affluent ones come here. You will I hope excuse me for making this long letter monotonous with my complaints; Mr. Balasundaram Jr & Mr. M Shamarao promised to help me generously if I gave them figure on arrival here, that would show that the stipend sanctioned to me was insufficient; for I mentioned the possibility of this to them before leaving India: So that if Govt. wishes me to continue in a high grade univ: like this, I request you will kindly recommend me for the grant I have requested: But this amt will be enough if I did study in the State aided univ, like Michigan, Stanford, California where tuition while being good the fees are less expensive:

I desire to conclude this letter with some information regarding the working of the College in view of the fact that it may aid you in working out the "univ: of mysore" - tho' I doubt if it will be of great value: The grades which students get - their "pass or failure", from the lowest classes to the M.A. degree Examn, are calculated not on one final Examn like the univ's in India, but on all the marks scored by the student in the several Examns held during the course for each degree: The idea is that in the final Examn a student may

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pass or fail by "flukes" – due to abnormal causes whereas a test applied, as they do, will never fail to indicate a regular & smooth progress going during any whole course. Thus the B.A. degree & also the M.A. degree grades are computed by calculating all the marks scored by the student in monthly Examns on the several tests every student is required to write on the course he has chosen: But the Ph.D. degree is just conducted like the M.A. degree of Madras by annual Examns in all subjects:

Also the B.A. student here pays more attention to his special subj: & reads less of English literature than we do there & reads more of the original literature connected with his subject in German & French: The no: of instructors in chemistry alone is about 40 including Professors & the no: of students they supervise is about the same as we handle in Bangalore C. College: Thus naturally individual attention is paid here to a student more than anywhere in India.

Hope to be excused for this long letter: may I request you to kindly convey my best regards to Miss D'Souza, your sister, whom was my student?

I remain, Dear sir yours very sincerely Nagarajan Rao

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE.

No. 20676 / 874

Bangalore, 14th April *1916*

DIARY No. 4073

From

RAO BAHADUR M. SHAMA RAO, ESQ., M.A.,
Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.

To

P. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order No.3011-12/Edn.2-15-62 dated 28th December 1915 stating that any addition to the scholarship which Mr. M.G. Srinivasa Rao, Foreign scholar in America may require will be sanctioned as an advance, I have the honour to submit herewith for the orders of Government copy of letter dated 18th February 1916 from Mr. Srinivasa Rao, stating that owing to circumstances beyond his control, the cost of studying in the Harward University, which he joined as per Government Order No.2371-2/Edn.2-14-17 dated 8th January 1916, has considerably increased, and praying that as he is already heavily encumbered with loans, Government may be pleased to sanction an increase of his scholarship from £200 to £225 per annum instead of sanctioning the additional sum as an advance. In this connection, I beg to invite the attention of Government to my letter ~~dated~~ No. 8325/388 dated 4th November 1915, wherein I have clearly pointed out the necessity for increasing Mr. Srinivasa Rao's scholarship and to recommend again that Mr. Srinivasa Rao's scholarship may be raised from £200 to £225 per annum as he asks. It may be stated that the Government of India have recently raised the rate of such scholarships from

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£200 to £250 per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Inspector General.

TNR.

Letter dated 18th February 1916 from Mr. M.G. Srinivasa Rao, Mysore Scholar, to the Inspector General of Education in Mysore.

I hear from my father that Government have passed orders regarding my request for an additional amount of scholarship in order to meet the heavy expenses of an education in Harvard in Chemistry, and that the amount will be treated as a loan and not as a scholarship.

I beg to inform you that my affairs are already encumbered sufficiently, in as much as I have to repay, (i) the loan for outfit, (ii) the insurance premia which accumulates during my absence and (iii) to repay the debts incurred by my family during my absence, as they would be forced to do, since the family allowance of Rs.50 kindly sanctioned by Government is hardly enough to run a family in Bangalore. If in addition to these, I am required to repay further loans incurred towards my fees, I will find myself in a most embarrassing situation on my return home.

I beg to invite kind attention to the fact that I was assured by your cablegram of the 29th September 1915, instructing me to study at Harvard, which was sent in reply to my anxious enquiry as to the probability of an additional amount being sanctioned by Government, which alone would make study at Harvard possible. I showed the cable to Professors Jackson and Kohler who then registered my name permanently, for even after first registration every student is given the choice to withdraw from the University within a month after first registration, his fees being refunded to him in that case also.

I have often sent notices and news cuttings to you which go to back my claims for my request and I very much like to invite your attention to the communique of the Government of India

(December 1915) - a copy of which is attached hereto - whereby the yearly stipend of students and especially of those who study at Oxford or Cambridge (England(has been increased by £50 (from £200 to £250). The tuition and living expenses at Harward is no less than those of the Oxford or Cambridge Universities, as Dr. Coleman whose brother studied at Harward and is now studying in Oxford (England) would be able to corroborate if he is consulted.

Having started my research work at Harward it would be a waste of my precious time to go elsewhere where tuition fees are cheaper, as there I would have to start another research and to leave the present one in an incompleted stage owing to change of Professors. I would then also have to spend a month or more in settling myself in the Laboratory getting the new apparatus and chemicals necessary for the new research. I would be compelled to do all this in case the Government is unwilling to change the recent order (which I have not yet officially heard) Illinois, Stamford, California, etc. are some of the Universities recommended to me where the tuition fees are less expensive and at the same time the Chemical Department is pretty good. But I am afraid any way that I can never get a nicer and abler Prof. to work with than Prof. Kohler of Harvard. Changing now to other Universities means also additional cost, re, trainage to those places and if the same amount which will have to be sanctioned by Government as travelling expenses, be kindly made available to me here, I can with great profit to myself continue the work I have begun so well with Professor Kohler. I beg to point out also that I obtained through your cablegram the official order to study here, and if now I am not afforded the facilities which your cablegram made me hope for, I cannot do anything except change next year to one of the Universities mentioned above and I request that kind orders be passed early sanctioning

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me the travelling expanses to any one of those places.

In view of the above I beg you once more to request the Government to reconsider their order and to kindly sanction me about 25£ more per year - not as a loan, but as scholarship. This amount is but half of what the Government of India have voluntarily sanctioned to the students - having realized that heavy tuition and living expenses could not well be met with from the 200£ hitherto allowed to all of them. I would not have so persistently asked for this amount, had it not been that the prices of chemicals are still on the increase and some which are urgently wanted by me for my research have to be imported to Boston at quite high rates.

I request that early orders be passed re. the situation which I have explained above in this letter and often in my previous ones.

I once again request that some order be passed also regarding the exchange rates - at which my scholarship is now paid to me. The last one was at 4/72 per pound (which is about 14 to 15 cents per pound less than the Post office rates) and I lost in my last instalment about 20 to 21 rupees.

"C O P Y"

Inspector General.

TNR.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE.

No. 22069-70 / 938

Bangalore, 4th May *1916.* 4863

From

Rao Bahadur
M. SHAMA RAO, ESQ., M.A.,
Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.

To

P. G. D'SOUZA ESQ., B A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Education and Agriculture *Departments.*

SIR,

I have the honour to state that Mr. M.G. Srinivasa Rao, who has been deputed to study Organic Chemistry in America, informs me that owing to the rise in exchange rates he has been receiving his scholarship amount at 4.72 dollars per pound, while the exchange rate in normal times was 4.90 dollars per pound, and that he is therefore losing a heavy sum out of the scholarship sanctioned to him. He prays in consequence that his scholarship may be ordered to be paid to him in dollars at 4.90 dollars per pound. The Comptroller whom I consulted in the matter states in his letter No.7917 of the 11th April 1916 that a reference may be made to Government. I therefore request that Government may be pleased to order payments in America on account of scholarships being made in dollars at 4.90 dollars per pound.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Shama Rao.

Inspector General.

TNR.

Mr. M.S. Srinivasa Rao's schp.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

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READ—
G.O. No. 3011-2/Edn.2-15-62 of 28.12.15 approving of the action of Mr M.S. Srinivasa Rao, foreign scholar in America undergoing training in Organic Chemistry, in having joined the Harvard University and directing that any addition to the schp. which he might require would be

Date of issue 21-6-16.

Signed by Sd: K. Subba Rao

ORDER THEREON.—No.

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SUBJECT.

sanctioned as an advance pending enquiry as to the necessity for the same.

(2) Letter No. 20676/874 of 14/19th Apr. 1916 from the D.C. of Sor. in Mysore submitting copy of a letter dated the 18th Feb. 1916 from Mr Srinivasa Rao explaining how the cost of studying in the Harvard University has considerably increased, ~~and praying that his schp. may be enhanced~~; and recommending that the schp. may be increased from £200 to £225 p.a. instead of the additional sum being sanctioned as an advance.

(3) Letter No. 22069-70/938 of 8.5.16 from the same officer recommending that the schp. of Mr. Srinivasa Rao may be paid in dollars at 4.90 dollars per pound.

Over. No. 73856.

Govt. are not in favour of

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enhancing the scholarship. They are, however pleased to direct that it may be paid at the exchange rate of 4·90 dollars per pound.

W/ 17/7/16

Chancery attached) 19/10/16 Secy. Govt

To The G.G. of Ceylon
Comptr. Mus. Brit